

10/517551

DT05 Rec'd PCT/PTO 08 DEC 2004

IDS - 12/08/2004

PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
				Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
				First Named Inventor	Casper M. T. Elbers
				Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned- 1734
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned CHAN
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	28211/40644

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
SPC		US-5,238,516*	08-24-1993	G. van Suylenkem et al.	
SPC		US-5,549,774*	08-27-1996	R. G. Miekka et al.	
SPC		US-6,372,073-B1*	04-16-2002	D. E. Weder	

* Not supplied

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation Document ²
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
SPC		JP-02072385	03-12-1990		Abstract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SPC		JP-02081082	03-22-1990		Abstract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			
SPC		International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/IB03/01977 by the European Patent Office dated 3 September 2003.			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	/Sing Chan/	Date Considered	12/19/2006
--------------------	-------------	-----------------	------------